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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.53 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-

1449.

This information was cited in a European Search Report dated August 5, 2004, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

United States Patent 5,940,071, Treffers et al., relates to a method for providing services in a computerized system that allows for consistent scheduling of the services in a complex environment containing a large and diverse set of services.

PCT Application WO 99/49663, King et al., relates to a distributed broadcast system for processing, scheduling, and broadcasting a wide variety of media objects.

European Patent Application EP 0957597 A2, Nishi, relates to data broadcasting in a digital broadcasting system which broadcasts media as a series of data files.

PCT Application WO 99/29108 A1, Fransman et al., relates to an apparatus for scheduling the distribution of video over a network that allows for providing video on demand.

European Patent Application EP 0989751 A2, Sako et al., relates to an information distribution apparatus and method for providing content distribution and related billing.

European Patent Application EP 0836321 A2, Terakado, relates to a method and apparatus for providing and displaying information relating to the scheduling of transmitted media that may be rapidly changed.

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European Patent Application EP 0917367 A1, Nakatsuyama,  
relates to a data distribution system and method for  
distributing digital data such as video and audio content on  
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